

passes. We will now proceed to Item 7 on the agenda and General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 98A was introduced by Senator Withem. It's a bill for an act to appropriate funds to implement LB 98.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Members of the body, Mr. Speaker, LB 98 is, of course, the A bill accompanying LB 98. LB 98 is the pop tax bill. It's a slightly different sort of A bill than...than we are used to. There is an estimate that the pop tax, if it passes, would raise something in the neighborhood of annually \$10 million, about \$6 million the first year and about \$10 million the second year. Since LB 1059 passed, it has been...and remember LB 1059 raised the sales tax by one cent. State sales tax was four cent prior to the passage of 1059. It is now five cents. Since the passage of that, the Appropriations Committee has acted in what I think is the appropriate fashion and they have increased the appropriation of state aid to education based on the growth in what sales tax dollars would...would generate, that additional one cent would generate. What this A bill does is it increases appropriations to Tax Equity in Education Opportunities Fund, which is the State Aid to Education Act. It's not the teacher pay bill, in case some of you are confused. It is the state aid to education bill. It increases that appropriation by \$1.3 million the first year and \$2.1 million the second year to reflect what is anticipated to be raised by the pop tax that would be generated by the additional one cent that was raised to fund state aid to education. Slightly more involved maybe than your typical A bill, but that's the intent of it. I think that was the purpose of 1059. It is the tradition in the body in the brief time that we've had LB 1059 in place and I think it's appropriate that we...that we do this in this case.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on LB 98A. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support advancement of LB 98A. I think it's important to understand when this body passed LB 1059 we did not specifically earmark the revenue source, though there was an intent there. Since that point in time, on an annual basis the Appropriations Committee, particularly after intent language placed in the bill